Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-11 are pending in the above-identified application and stand rejected. By the present Amendment, claims 2-11 are cancelled and claim 1 is amended.

Claim Objection

Claim 7 is objected to. By the present Amendment, claim 7 is canceled. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-2 and 4-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,430,488 to Goldman et al. ("Goldman"). By the present Amendment, claim 1 is amended and rejected claims 2 and 4-11 are canceled. Applicants respectfully assert that Goldman does not disclose all of the features recited in claim 1.

In particular, Goldman does not disclose the following features of claim 1:

> wherein when an external radio wave accessing the IC card
> is detected by conducting polling to the IC card which
> comes close to the IC card adapter apparatus, an
> interfering wave is output.

These features can be found throughout the above-identified application, for example, at page 20, lines 1-11 and Fig. 6. No new matter has been added.

Goldman describes an apparatus for "controlling and logging vehicle settings specific to each vehicle operator." (See Goldman, Col. 4, lines 51-52.) The apparatus includes a storage device 100, which may be a "smart card," and an acceptance device 110, which may be a "smart card reader capable of communicating with the smart card." (See Goldman, Col. 4, lines 51-62.) The storage device 100 stores device settings specific to a particular vehicle operator. (See Goldman, Col. 5, lines 43-45.)

Goldman describes two types of storage devices: an unrestricted storage device that may be read without any restrictions and a restricted storage device that is protected from unauthorized reading. (See Goldman, Col. 10, lines 65 - Col. 11, line 8.) FIG. 3 illustrates steps of an exemplary method to add restrictions to an otherwise unrestricted storage device. (See Goldman, Col. 11, lines 9-11.) In a first step, an unrestricted storage device is provided to an external controller. (See Goldman, Col. 11, lines 13-14.) In a second step, the external controller is authorized to access all storage device data using an authorization method, such as one requiring a password or personal identification number. (See Goldman, Col. 11, lines 17-19.) Thus, Goldman describes a process of accessing a storage device using a password or an identification number. (See Goldman, Col. 11, lines 41-44.)

Goldman is silent as to the features of "wherein when an external radio wave accessing the IC card is detected by conducting polling to the IC card which comes close to the IC card adapter apparatus, an interfering wave is output" recited in claim 1. For example, Goldman does not disclose outputting "an interfering wave," as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Goldman does not disclose all of the features of claim 1. Withdrawal of rejection and reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 are respectfully requested.

Rejected claims 2 and 4-7, which depend from claim 1, and claims 8 and 9-11, which depend from claim 8, are canceled by the present Amendment.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Goldman in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,796,501 to Omet. By the present Amendment, claim 3 is canceled.
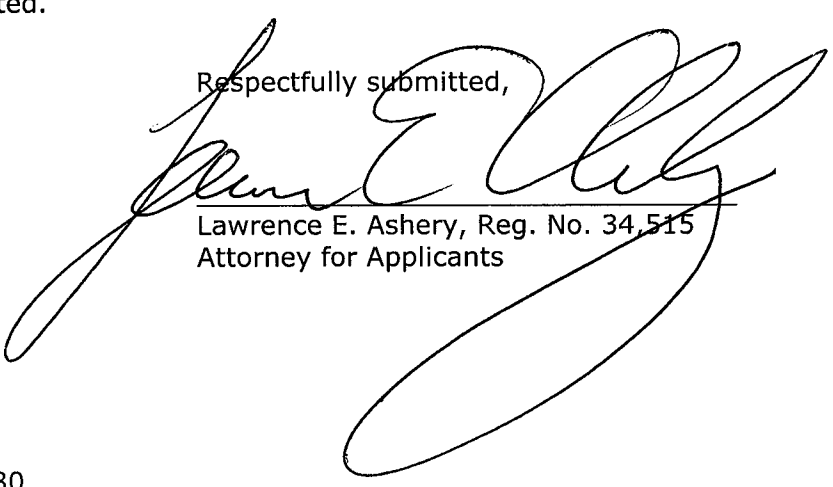
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully assert that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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